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FORGE AHEAD!



SHE KNOWS WHO'S SIDE SHE'S ON IN THE MINERS STRIKE - DO YOU ?

PLEASE DON'T ANNOY THE BOSSES, says Bill 'that will do nicely' Sirs, topman of the Steel Unions.

But the secret plans are already well underway for the State shutdown of Ravenscraig in 1986.

IT'LL BE THE BOSSES NOT THE MINERS WHO WILL SLAM THE DOORS ON RAVENSCRAIG.

The old 'divide and rule' tactics of characters like Sirs should be dumped: it's time for pickets to appeal to workers as fellow workers, and REJECT 'top level' negotiations between Union bosses.

These 'personalities' are guaranteed to stab you in the back, just like Neil 'Pop Star' Kinnock, who's dropping the miners like a hot brick.

Kinnock's chums across the water - the 'socialist' government in France - have just laid off 27,000 steelworkers

However the French state have faced determined resistance from areas like Longwy, which the workers took over and made a 'NO-GO' area.

In Belgium, State attacks on Public Sector workers led to wildcat action and a ten day General Strike last year. Public transport, postal and telephone services were halted, and banks, schools, radio and television affected.

THE RECENT EXPERIENCES OF WORKERS IN EUROPE ARE INVALUABLE IN THE FIGHT TO WIN THE MINERS STRIKE. The examples of the Polish strikes - NO SECRET MEETINGS, NO SECRET NEGOTIATIONS.

BROADCAST ALL DELEGATE MEETINGS ON LOUDSPEAKERS OR RECORD THEM ON CASSETTES TO TAKE TO MASS MEETINGS - would ensure that there was no miserable sell out.

In Britain, Nurses, Railwaymen, Teachers and the workers at Bathgate all face major battles.

The Government's hoping to defeat these struggles one by one.

FOR THEY KNOW THAT THE WORKERS UNITING DIRECTLY - OUTSIDE OF ANY CONTROL - WOULD BE UNBEATABLE.



BURN POLIS, NOT COAL !!

SERVING THEIR MASTERS WELL ...

POLIS SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN!

THE Miners strike has provided the perfect scenario for more incisive policing practice. Ever since the days of Tonyandy, when striking miners were confronted with police dispatched from London, British Police forces have practiced a system of mutual aid.

This system is designed to ensure immediate and saturation response to all forms of dissent against the state.

The police practice of 'mutual aid' involves personnel drawn from any regional police force and is based on reciprocal arrangements between Police Chief Constables.

Police officers with training in riot control or in the use of weapons are mostly deployed in this method – most

notably from Support Units, Special Patrol Groups, Tactical Support Groups – the terminology has always been a covert way of disguising the real nature of these groups, in an attempt to give them some essence of public acceptability.

However it does show that the notion of more accountable forms of policing through Crime Prevention, Neighbourhood Watch and other deodorised variants is no sweeter smelling than a wet fart.

The police have shown a 'solidarity' and organisational capacity which makes support between union bureaucrats pallid in comparison. The union bosses in their own policing of workers

have so far been eclipsed by the direct initiative and imaginative action of striking workers, but workers must be vigilant to any attempt by both police forces – the State police and the union ideological police – at smashing their own solidarity and mutual aid.

The police are on the front line of the State – they are the State's protagonists. Police organisation and method should not be underestimated – but nor should it be regarded as sacrosanct.

The State can be beaten through our own solidarity and mutual aid – which are the practice of struggle and **DIRECT ACTION.**



THE Mayday celebration of International workers solidarity was turned into a promotion for Mayfeast and Tennents Caledonian – who had scantily dressed young ladies on a float to advertise their piss-water. It kicked off on May Day... well only a week late. Rumour has it that next year's Mayday is to be held on Christmas. A couple of thousand well-meaning punters turned up for a walk on a quiet Sunday afternoon.

What do marches of these sort achieve, as you are politely shepherded by the boys who'll turn you black and blue, to a quiet park/hall to listen to ladder climbing union leaders, expounding their egos to all and sundry.

Oh but the publicity these marches achieve... well publicity for the union leaders whose smiling mushes are to be seen beaming out on the TV news, claiming to represent the hearts and minds of all.

Of course they know best: know how best to grab the publicity for themselves, so that they can aspire to be as well-known and respected as Thatcher or the Yorkshire Ripper.

Next time tell the smiling, ego-tripping union leaders to go and take a good fuck to themselves. Organise amongst yourselves. Fuck personalities, it's the people who really matter.

...AND IN POLAND

RESISTANCE CONTINUES. This is the message from Szczecin, Gdynia, Czestochowa and other Polish cities as workers demonstrated on 1st May against the militarisation of everyday life.

With the ever present threat of vicious repression, thousands of workers courageously defied the threats of the military rulers.

Miners in Britain are having to survive on a pittance, so is the working class in Poland. The authorities have been starving the working class into toeing the line.

Working under a barrel of a gun, with the State rebuilding its army of informers and levers of control, the working class has been unable to paralyse the military dictatorship.

Unfortunately, the mass strikes of 3 years ago have been replaced by sporadic opposition to the austere dictatorship, with **CLASS SOLIDARITY** channelled into nationalist and Catholic identification by 'Solidarity' leaders like Walesa, denied their goal of trade union joint control over the State capitalist economy.

Food For Thought

MEANWHILE back in the West End, at Hallibees Restaurant, the workers are involved in their own struggle.

The 14-strong workforce had plans to buy the place and turn it into a workers' collective. As soon as the boss got wind of this, he sacked them all.

The place is now going to be called 'Les Halles'... another overpriced fake French cafe. The 14 former staff members mounted a picket to try to persuade the place's somewhat trendy leftie clientele to stay out.

So next time you're feeling famished, **GIVE THIS JOINT THE COLD SHOULDER.**

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